

**Washington Horse Racing Commission  
Policy Statement 2006-04**

Equine Testing

The Washington Horse Racing Commission views the controlled medication testing program as vital to the integrity of the industry. In its enforcement of this program, the commission directs its regulatory officials to utilize all methods under their authority to ensure the controlled medication testing program is effective in detecting the use of prohibited medications or levels of medications, either authorized or prohibited.

WAC 260-70-590 specifies that the official winning horse and any other horse ordered by the stewards or official veterinarian must be taken to the test barn and may be selected to have a blood and/or urine sample taken. The stewards or official veterinarian may select horses for testing utilizing the following process.

At all Class A and B licensed racing associations in Washington:

1. All horses finishing first in a race will be sent to the test barn.
2. All horses finishing first, second, and third in any stake race will be sent to the test barn and a sample will be taken and sent for testing.
3. Betting favorites that finish in the last two places will be sent to the test barn and a sample will be taken and sent for testing.
4. Second or third place horses at 20-1 or longer odds will be sent to the test barn and a sample will be taken and sent for testing.
5. At the stewards' discretion, additional horses may be sent to the test barn for testing.

The Board of Stewards or the official veterinarian will ensure the owner or trainer of the horse selected is notified and directed to have his/her horse immediately report to the test barn to provide a sample.

The weekly minutes of the stewards will state which horses were selected to have their samples sent for testing.

At all Class C licensed racing associations (nonprofit fair meets) in Washington:

1. All horses finishing first in a race will be sent to the test barn.
2. The stewards will at a minimum select one additional horse per race day to have a sample taken. The selection of these horses will be at the sole discretion of the stewards.

At the end of the last race the stewards will, by lot, determine which winning horses will have their samples shipped for testing. At the end of the last race the stewards will notify the test barn of the names of the horses whose samples are to be shipped to the laboratory for testing. Any horse still in the test barn that was not selected to have its sample shipped for testing will be released to the groom or trainer without a sample being taken, unless the official veterinarian has a reason to draw a sample. In these cases blood will be taken, and the urine sample will not be collected. Any horses whose samples have been scheduled for shipping must remain until such time as blood and/or urine samples are collected.

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